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In re the Application of:

Applicant: Salvatore Albani

Group Art Unit: 1644

Serial No.: 09/421,506

Examiner: Ewoldt, G.R.

Filed: 19 October 1999

For: Methods for Isolation, Quantification, Characterization and Modulation of Antigen-Specific T Cells

Response to Office Action Mailed 18 October 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant herein responds to the Office Action dated 18 October 2002 ("Paper 23"). A petition for a three-month extension of time accompanies this response, as does a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b).

Amendment

A. In the Claims. Please cancel claims 162-382 and add new claims 383-391. Each new claim appears immediately below, as well as in Appendix A at the end of this response.

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